

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held by the Office of Attorney General Jim Petro, on May 23, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lobby Hearing Room of the Rhodes State Office Tower, located at 30 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. The purpose of the hearing will be to solicit public comment on proposed changes to the Ohio Administrative Code Rules Chapter 109:1-4-03, 109:1-4-04, 109:1-4-05, 109:1-4-06, 109:1-4-07 and 109:1-4-08 titled "Bingo license types; who may obtain bingo license, Veterans or fraternal organizations; authorized to conduct bingo, Member of veteran's or fraternal organization, Expenses, Bingo supplies; sale by distributor, Bingo session prizes".

The rules incorporate the statutory language of R.C. 2915, but clarify that the Attorney General will issue three bingo license types and the charitable organizations that are eligible to apply for each type of bingo license, that a veterans or fraternal organization is not required to actually obtain a license to conduct bingo session in order to be licensed to conduct instant bingo other than at a bingo session, that a paid employee of a veterans or fraternal organization may sell instant bingo tickets to the organization's members and guests, that qualifying charitable distributions are an appropriate use of the gross receipts from the conduct of bingo, that a distributor may sell certain items that would otherwise be considered bingo supplies to multipurpose senior centers for use in bingo games and to charitable organizations for the conduct of raffles and to clarify that the term prizes includes all prizes awarded during a bingo session but does not include prizes from the conduct of instant bingo.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written comments must be submitted to Ms. Monica Moloney, Office of Attorney General, at 101 E. Town St. Columbus, Ohio 43215 no later than May 20, 2003.